

EXHIBIT A

Clean Version of Amended Claims

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1. (Amended) A process for purifying a monoolefin stream, comprising:
- contacting a monoolefin stream comprising one or more monoolefins with a Diels-Alder dienophile to convert one or more conjugated olefins present in the monoolefin stream to a Diels-Alder adduct;
- and removing the Diels-Alder adduct from the monoolefin stream, thereby purifying the monoolefin stream such that it comprises less than about 50 parts per million (ppm) conjugated olefins.
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2. ~~Cancelled.~~
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5. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein said conjugated olefins comprise at least about 4 carbon atoms per molecule and no more than about 10 carbon atoms per molecule.
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12. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein said purified monoolefin stream comprises less than about 25 parts per million conjugated olefins.
13. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein said purified monoolefin stream comprises less than about 10 parts per million conjugated olefins.
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14. ~~Cancelled.~~
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15. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein said removing is selected from the group consisting of distillation, adsorption, membrane separation, and combinations thereof.

16. (Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein said removing is conducted using reactive distillation.

New Claims:

19. The process according to claim 1 wherein said Diels-Alder dienophile is generally represented by the formula:



$R^1 = H, C(=O)OR^5, C(=O)R^6, C(=O)NR^7R^8, CN, C_1 \text{ to } C_{30} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic,}$

$R^2 = H, C(=O)OR^5, C(=O)R^6, C(=O)NR^7R^8, CN, C_1 \text{ to } C_{30} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic,}$

$R^3 = H, C(=O)OR^5, C(=O)R^6, C(=O)NR^7R^8, CN, C_1 \text{ to } C_{30} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic,}$

$R^4 = H, C(=O)OR^5, C(=O)R^6, C(=O)NR^7R^8, CN, C_1 \text{ to } C_{30} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic,}$

$R^5 = C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, aromatic, and } (H)C=CH_2,$

$R^6 = C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, aromatic, and } (H)C=CH_2,$

$R^7 = C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, aromatic, and}$

$R^8 = C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic.}$

20. The process according to claim 1 wherein said Diels-Alder dienophile is generally represented by the formula:



$R^1 = H, C(=O)OR^3, C(=O)R^4, C(=O)NR^5R^6, CN, C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic,}$

$R^2 = H, C(=O)OR^3, C(=O)R^4, C(=O)NR^5R^6, CN, C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic}$

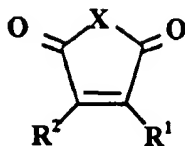
$R^3 = C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic,}$

$R^4 = H, C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic,}$

$R^5 = C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic, and}$

$R^6 = C_1 \text{ to } C_{10} \text{ alkyl, and aromatic.}$

21. The process according to claim 1 wherein said Diels-Alder dienophile is generally represented by the formula:

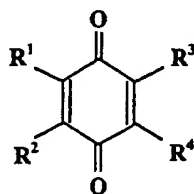


where X = O, N, and S,

R¹ = H, C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl, and aromatic, and

R² = H, C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl, and aromatic.

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where

R¹ = H, C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl, aromatic, and (H)C=CH₂,

R² = H, C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl, aromatic, and (H)C=CH₂,

R³ = H, C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl, aromatic, and (H)C=CH₂, and

R⁴ = H, C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl, aromatic, and (H)C=CH₂.